

**PATENT**  
**Docket No.** 015916-302

**Applicant:** Swanson

**Serial No.:** 10/727,149

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**Title:** Surgical Methods And  
Apparatus For Maintaining Contact  
Between Tissue And Electrophysiology  
Elements And Confirming Whether A  
Therapeutic Lesion Has Been Formed

**Group Art Unit:** 3739

**Examiner:** Vrettakos

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Respectfully submitted,

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